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SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING.

A theory has lately been going the rounds which was not calculated to disturb our equanimity to any extent, but nevertheless it does not seem to indicate a very cheering prospect for the generations which are to come after us. According to the various mining reports which have been received from different coal mining States, it is agreed that there was a time in the past when ice covered this country, almost as far south as Mason & Dixon's line to a thickness of two to three miles. Owing, however, in the gradual changes in the movement of the earth and the increasing length of summer time in the ice sections, this gradually melted and receded to the north. It is necessary to say, however, that the north at that time from the remains which have been discovered, must have been as tropical as Panama is to-day, for the lion and the tiger, the cactus and the palm, were once the common characteristics of the ice-covered Greenland of to-day, the one remaining fact of the glacial age. As we have before mentioned the gradual continuation of heat in the ice zone resulted in its rapid disintegration until great changes were brought about by floods and deluges, and there was a constant oscillation which altered the centre of gravity. To return to the original remark of this paragraph we would say that the theory, which is now being developed, is that the ice region is gradually extending itself, that every century sees a greater accumulation of ice to the north, and that this is coming on at a rate which will in time make that portion of the earth top heavy until the present bearings are again upset, and presto, there will be another upside down with the result that the continent will be overflowed by the seas, and what is now the ocean, will become dry land. This may be only a theory, but at any rate it is a gruesome one, and if such a thing would happen it would effectually put an end to a great deal of squabbling which is now going on among the nations dwelling upon this mundane globe of ours.—Coal Journal.

Four additional timing sticks are being built in the tinplate department of the Elance-Groves rolling mills at Harrisburg, Pa., and when completed the plant will have 7 sticks, the operation of which will add 25 per cent more ton to the force.



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PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

It can be inferred that the tonnage of 1896 will show considerable difference, as compared with that for 1895. What is of more importance, however, even than the matter of tonnage is that of prices, and compared with what they were last season, affairs have taken on a greatly improved hue both East and West. There has been no reason why the industry should not have been protected in the manner it is now being protected, except in the inability of the various producing interests to agree upon the amount of tonnage which they should be entitled to handle. Of late, however, the allotment of percentage of production on one hand, and transportation tonnage on the other, has caused a considerable change to come over the scene. That friction and intense competition which has led one interest after another to bid prices down to a point which might be called the vanishing stage of margins, may be said to be now practically adjusted, as there is an all around understanding as to what business the different elements are entitled to and what prices are to be received for the coal sold.

The domestic trade is naturally practically at a stand still as far as dealers are concerned. It is almost too early to expect buyers to lay in their stocks, owing to the pricing out which took place early in the season, but very little has been carried over in bins. Most interest at the present time is centering in the proceedings of the gas companies. Said a prominent rep. executive of the Kansas and Texas Coal Company, "Business is dead." The Kansas City Star says, "Cheap gas killed it," and it is admitted that many of the coal dealers are themselves using gas for fuel this summer. "Why shouldn't we?" one of them asked this morning. "Our wives are entitled to the same consideration as other men's wives." The same dealer said further that last summer he often sold two car loads a day for domestic use, and this summer a car would last five times as long as a week. Steam coal is sold by contract and consequently there is little office work connected with its sale. Some of the big companies have reduced their local office forces by sending the men out as traveling agents.

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PRIZE COMPOSITIONS.

A short time prior to the closing of the public school THE BEE offered a prize to each grade for the best compositions upon selected subjects. Below we publish the successful essays, which we beg our readers to remember were written by small children, and not parties eighteen or twenty years old. Three prizes were awarded to Johnnie Myers, Walter Davenport and James Brown in the primary department for drawing.

The Industries of Earlington.

There are but few industries in Earlington compared with those of a city, but there is enough work for one to make a few pennies if he keeps at it.

We have for one industry of Earlington a sawmill. The mill belongs to Mr. S. E. Stevens. He employs from five to six men with a special sawman included in the number. The mill is not a large one, but it is large, too, in comparison to some mills. It has a portable boiler fourteen feet long and about three feet in diameter, a fifteen inch cylinder, a three foot fly-wheel and a six-inch belt connected with a four foot circular saw. The saw is so connected with the boiler-engine by a lever, that when the lever is pulled the saw starts moving faster. Above the big saw is a little saw about two feet in diameter for the help of sawing big logs. Under the saw is a large pit for the dust, and over the pit, moves a car carrying logs to feed the saw. Then when sawed it is taken away in a much smaller car, twelve or fifteen feet away from the saw and sold next day maybe.

Then there is the industry of mining. Well, a man can make \$1.50 to \$3.00 on it is a good miner. There are two mines owned by the St. Bernard Coal Company in this place, and they get a great quantity of coal. It is mostly shipped down the line to Memphis, Nashville and so on. The mines are numbered on account of their coal. No. 9 coal is the purest and the best for burning to make steam and etc., while No. 11 coal is better for making slack for the ovens.

No. 10 and No. 11 coal are mined together, while No. 10 is seventy-five feet above No. 9. There goes between to any of a band of the hardest and strongest sulphur. When that is out there comes a man with an axe machine to undermine the coal. Then when every-

thing is ready they blast it down with powder. Then it is loaded into small cars holding thirty bushels which are pulled by mules out of the tunnel to the yard where they meet a small mine locomotive called Bessie in honor of Miss Bessie Allen. The engine pulls them through another tunnel and from there to the tip where there is a screen, so big lumps go over, but goes through, and slack goes through under the nut. The company sends much slack away from here. For a long time they used to throw No. 11's coal away, because they thought it was no good, but now it makes the finest coke in this part of the State.

The next industry is Coke making. The coke is made from slack which comes from No. 9 and No. 11 mines. The slack is taken to a height of one hundred and twenty-five feet, in little buckets fastened to a revolving chain. After it is up, the water comes from the tanks to wash it. After it is washed pure from dirt, it is dumped from the screen through a trough carrying it from the screen. After three or four days drying, it is dropped into a charging car which waits for it.

The car has a hole in the bottom so that when the car passes over the oven the door is opened and so feeds the oven fire. When the coke is burnt it is pulled out while hot, and water is put on it to cool it. After it is cool it is then put in cars and transported down the line. When an oven is empty, the charging car passes over it, and fills about two or three feet of slack in it. There they wait a half-day for it to get hot from the adjoining ovens and after a few hours your oven has a fire in it.

ELLIS WORTH EVANS.

The Earlington Public School.

The Earlington school building was built in 1873. One of the carpenters who helped build it was Mr. T. Martin. The building was first used for a Union church, but soon it was used for a school-house and a church.

The teachers for this year were Mrs. Ida Walker, principal, and Misses Annie Plin, Ruth Plin and Minnie Bourland. There are two hundred and ten pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of about one hundred and fifty. We study only the common school studies. The fifth grade is the highest. We have nine months of school. It begins in September and generally closes in May. The trustees of our school are Messrs. G. C. Atkinson, J. R. Kash and W. F. Burr.

We have double desks in all the rooms except the primary room. Each year the school house has some repairs made, and so it has been standing for twenty-three years.
LIZZIE DEAN.

Our County.

Hopkins County is bounded by Webster County on the north, on the east by Pond River, on the south by Christian County, on the west by Tradewater river. There are three railroads going through our county. One is the C. O. & S. W., the other the L. & N. It goes from Louisville to Nashville. There is a branch road that goes from Madisonville to Providence.

There are several towns in Hopkins County. They are Madisonville, Earlington, Nebo, Hanson, White Plains, Underwood, St. Charles, Dawson, Mortons Gap, Lisle, Manitou and Nortonville.

There are many mines in Hopkins County. Earlington has the largest mine in our county.

There are few saloons in our county. The vegetables raised in our county are peas, beans, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, turnips, onions, and cucumbers. The fruit trees are peaches, apples, cherries, pears, plums, damsons, and quinces.

The grain that we raise is corn, wheat, rye, oats and barley.

I like Earlington best of all the towns in Hopkins county. There are two schools in Earlington. One is called the Public School, the other, the Catholic School. There are many people in Hopkins county. The chief towns are Madisonville, Earlington and Dawson. In Dawson they have some water good for health.

I like to go to Pond River to fish. I think it is a nice place at the lake. I like to fish there, too. Pond River is not far from Madisonville.

There are some pretty places in Hopkins county. There are many nice churches and Sunday-schools to go to. I like to go to Sunday-school and church, because I can learn about God.

Hopkins county is a very large county, I think.

HARRY LONG.

An Early Riser.

Ruth is standing by the window watching the sun rise. It is right early in the morning, and Ruth is in her night-gown.

gets her clothes on in time for breakfast, I am sure. There are some birds flying by the window. Ruth likes to watch them. She is spreading some flowers on the window.

Ruth has a nice little room, with pretty curtains hanging at the window. She is bare-footed and there is a black place on the floor. I think Ruth is a pretty girl. There is a sofa in the room, for I can see the edge of it. It is summer, for plants are growing. When she dresses, she will go out on the hills to play and pick flowers.
LILLIE TOMBS.

ODD PRODUCTS OF UTAH'S MINES.

Utah, the newest of the States, seems to be a mineralogical freak. Mr. George Eldridge, of the Geological Survey, was sent out there a few weeks ago for the purpose of looking up certain natural resources, and he has returned with a most interesting report. Among other things he found great deposits of mineral rubber—enough to make gum shoes for a large part of the population of the United States. A piece of this substance about eight inches square and one inch thick was lying on his desk. It was black, and looked and felt like ordinary rubber, and was quite elastic. The scientific name for this substance is "elaterite." It may, in the future, be put to many valuable uses, and for a roofing material has already proven excellent.

In the mining town of Utah mineral rubber is utilized commonly for roofing, being prepared in sheets consisting of a layer of bur-lap, with the rubber on both sides. Nothing could be more thoroughly waterproof. Another unexplored mineral, and one about which very little is known is mineral wax, or, as it is scientifically known, "ozokerite." In parts of Utah it is found in veins, like the mineral rubber, though sometimes the ozokerite occurs in pockets between layers of shale. It has not been mined at all, but many uses for it are likely to be discovered in the future. To electricians it will be valuable, inasmuch as it is one of the best insulating materials known.

Gum asphalt represents a great mineral resource that has hardly been touched as yet, as it has only been mined to a small extent. It is an exceedingly pure kind of asphalt, and its important usefulness is in the manufacture of varnishes. The conditions under which it is found are so extraordinary that nobody has been able to account for them satisfactorily. The deposits

are found chiefly within and in the neighborhood of the Uncompaghere reservation. It appears in veins having a tendency to run parallel to each other, with a trend from northwest to southeast. These veins vary in width from a quarter of an inch to eighteen feet, and they are from a half a mile to six miles in length. Nobody knows how deep they are. It is believed that they extend to a depth of nearly 1,000 feet, so that the quantity of material obtainable is enormous. The greatest depth thus far reached is 125 feet. Mining for the stuff has hardly got beyond the prospecting stage. The veins are perfectly vertical. For a few feet from the surface the substance is more or less impure, owing to weathering, but lower down it is entirely free from impurities. Digging for it is the hardest work imaginable, owing chiefly to the dust. The atmosphere of the shafts becomes literally loaded with asphalt dust, which is highly explosive. The body heat melts it so that it forms a brown coat all over a person exposed to it. Soap and water are no good for washing it off. The only thing that will remove it is kerosene. A tank for kerosene is kept handy, so that everybody who comes out of the mines may take a bath.

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Tuesday is the unlucky day in Mexico. If you were born on Tuesday, never admit it. You probably have been a disaster all your life, but people will firmly believe that you are an unlucky dog, and have the evil eye into the bargain, if they find that Tuesday was honored with your birth. I know a man who started on Tuesday with money to pay off the hands in a factory near the city, and went instead to Acapulco, where he took the Panama steamer. The board of directors of the manufacturing company passed a resolution affirming their undying faith in his honesty, and attributed his error to having started for the mill on Tuesday.—RE.

Kentucky Fairs.

(Compiled by Louisville Post.)

Sharpsburg, week beginning July 20.
Winchester, week beginning July 27.
Danville, week beginning August 3.
Springfield, week beginning August 17.
Lebanon, week beginning August 24.
Bradstown, week beginning August 31.
Bowling Green, week beginning September 7.
Elizabethtown—Tuesday, Sept. 8, four days.
Franklin, week beginning September 14.
Paducah, week beginning September 21.
Open date (probably Henderson), September 28.
Owensboro, week beginning October 5.
Versailles, week beginning August 10.
Madisonville, August 26, four days.
Williamsburg, September 2, three days.
Glasgow, September 30, four days.
Union county, August 4, five days.
Bullitt county, at Shepherdsville, Aug. 11, four days.
Ellendale Fair, at Curdsville, July 28, five days.
Hart county, at Horse Cave, September 15, four days.
Union county, August 4, five days.
Shelby county, August 25, four days.
Ewing, September 9, four days.
Campbellsville, Aug. 11, four days.
Union Agricultural Society, at Germantown, Oct. 7, four days.

The Cuban insurgents have destroyed the plantation of the La Churche estate because the proprietor resumed grinding cane despite the orders of the Junta. It was worth \$1,500,000 and the crops of this year have been estimated at 50,000,000 pounds of sugar.

The British government will send a commission of naturalists to Bering Sea to investigate the seal question with regard to their probable extermination.

The Italians have abandoned the Abyssinian campaign, and King Menelik is said to have given up 2,000 prisoners.

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